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RAJYA SABHA

**Comments of leader of Dukhtarani Milat Aishya Andrabi regarding
Kashmiri Pandits**

4296. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leader of the Dukhtarani Milat Aishya Andrabi has told the Press that Kashmiri Pandits have to come back to Kashmir only when they are ready to live under Nazami Mustafa otherwise they shall have to stay out;

(b) whether Government agree to this view; and

(c) if not, what action has been taken against this leader under the law of the land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government has not come across any such statement of Aishya Andrabi of "Dukhteran-e-Millet" regarding return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Landmine Explosion by Hizbul Muzahideen in Anantnag

4297. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the top Pakistan based militant outfit Hizbul Muzahideen had claimed responsibility for a landmine explosion in Anantnag in Kashmir in the month of December, 2000, that killed 5 Indian soldiers and injured 12;

(b) whether Government are also aware that they have threatened to carry out such more attacks in days to come; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop such attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A powerful landmine exploded in Anantnag on 28.11.2000 in which 5 Indian soldiers died. The Chief and other leaders of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) have been frequently threatening to intensify their attacks on Indian Security Forces and their camps.